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SCHOOL MATTERS

Commissioners of Education in
Regular Session.

INSPECTOR GENERAL WRITES

Salaries of Certain Teach-
ers Raised a Notch.

Information From Ohio on Mr.
Copeland—Meetings to be Held
Once in Fortnight.

At the regular weekly session of the
Commissioners of Education, held yester-
day afternoon, there were present the
following: President Cooper, T. H.
Gibson, Professor Alexander, W. A.
Bowen, H. M. von Holt and George W.
Smith. Minutes of the previous meet-
ing were read and approved.

President Cooper called for a report
from the Teachers' Committee. Pro-
fessor Alexander reported progress,
but as yet the committee was not ready
to report.

The following letter from Inspector-
General of Schools Townsend was read:

"Hilo, Hawaii, October 1, 1897.

"Dear Sir: I inclose itinerary for
balance of year. It is raining hard ev-
ery day, and I do not feel confident
that I shall be able to stick to the pro-
gram. The children cannot go to school
as well as I can in such weather.

"Hilo Union School is full and more
room will be needed before the end of
the year. I have been up above town
and found a lot of children who are
not in any school. They are partly
within the legal limit of compulsion,
but the road is so bad that it seems to
me entirely unreasonable to ask them
to attend the Hilo schools. Besides,
we have no room at all for them. They
will be better accommodated at the
Pihoona School, which I suggested in
my annual report. This school is much
needed, as is also the school to be built
at Kaiwika.

"Colonel Parker is to send a syn-
abus for his work next summer, which
he wishes published at as early a date
as possible."

President Cooper stated that while
he was in Kula, Mr. Lydgate had
spoken to him regarding the pay that
Miss Alice Horner, principal of the
school at that place, was receiving.
According to the schedule she was not
being paid what she should get. The
matter was looked into and Mr. Lyd-
gate found to be right. Miss Horner's
salary was raised forthwith and made
to accord with the schedule.

A letter from the Chief of Police in
Columbus, Ohio, in regard to Charles
E. Copeland, recently appointed a
teacher in the schools of the Repub-
lic, stated that the only reason his wife
had advertised for her husband was
only on account of the fact that she
was afraid he might have met with
foul play. She had expressed perfect
confidence in her husband and had
spoken of leaving for Honolulu. The
communication closed with the state-
ment that Mr. Copeland always bore
an excellent reputation.

Another communication from Presi-
dent Bashford of Western University,
Delaware, Ohio, spoke of Mr. Copeland
as a graduate of that institution and
a man of very good reputation. He had
been principal in the Delaware High
School, and was very much chagrined
upon losing his position.

President Cooper stated that he had
made a selection of a new site for a
school house at Honokaa. This was in
a central place, accessible from all
sides and in an excellent position on a
knoll, where health would be better
than in the lower lands. The place was
pointed out on the map, and the Board
adopted the recommendation of the
Minister.

The contract for the new school
house at Honokaa has already been
let at \$2,300. This stated, President
Cooper made a report on the neces-
sity of more room in school houses at
various places. He suggested particu-
larly a new school house (two rooms)
in Nahuiku. A motion to this effect
was made and carried.

President Cooper referred to the re-
quest made on the part of the Hilo
Free Kindergarten Association, and
stated that the way was not clear to
grant the building of a private kinder-
garten on public property, and there-
fore the request could not be granted.

The resignation of Miss May E.
Beckwith was accepted.
Miss Snow of the Chinese Girls'
School, a first-class teacher, and a lady
who has labored long in school work,
was granted a raise in her salary to

\$1,000 per year, this to date from Oc-
tober 1st.

It was decided that geometry should
count in the next grammar grade ex-
aminations.

The Board, after deciding to meet
every other week, adjourned.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

Report Laid Before the New Zea-
land Parliament.

The Thirteenth Parliament of New
Zealand opened on September 23d at
Wellington, with the usual ceremonies.
Among other measures presented to
Parliament was the correspondence re-
lating to the Canadian-Australian and
the Oceanic Lines' mail service. The
question of a subsidy is to come up
this year, and strong efforts will be
made by both companies to secure the
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In presenting the correspondence on
the subject, which was laid on the ta-
ble, the Postmaster-General of New
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To this, however, Mr. Walker did not
see his way to agree. In June, in reply
to a letter from Mr. T. Rose, Acting
Secretary of the Postal Department,
Wellington, Mr. Whitson, of the Union
Company, stated that the United States
Congress had voted an increase in the
subsidy for the San Francisco mail
service, and two instalments had been
paid to the company.

CANADIAN - PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE.

In the correspondence on this sub-
ject, Mr. Huddart, writing from Lon-
don on the 13th of October last, in-
quired whether the provisional agree-
ment made with Mr. Ward in 1895 has
been submitted to the New Zealand
Parliament, and states that the com-
pany had taken the irrevocable step
of adding the Aorangi to their fleet.
Writing from Sydney on the 14th of
November, 1896, Mr. R. Grayson, re-
presenting Mr. Huddart, submitted a
time-table which allowed for perform-
ing the service from Wellington equal
to the average service of the San Fran-
cisco line, which is 33 days from Aus-
tralia and 35 days from Wellington.
The Premier replied that without the
authority of Parliament the Govern-
ment would not allow New Zealand to
be committed in any way. In Febru-
ary, 1897, Mr. Walker, writing to the
Agent-General, states that considera-
tion of the Vancouver service was
postponed from 1895 because he re-
newal of the "Frisco" mail service is to
be considered this year, and it was
deemed advisable to discuss both ser-
vices together. On April 8th the Agent-
General, in reply to the Premier, states
that the prospect of obtaining a sub-
sidy from the Imperial Government to
the Pacific mail service is doubtful.

Mr. James Huddart, writing from Lon-
don on May 21st last, to the Agent-
General, states that "in view of the im-
mediate visit to London of Mr. Seddon
we have the honor to inform you, as
managers for Huddart & Co., that our
Board of Directors has decided to make
Wellington the port of call in New
Zealand. The Board has had some per-
plexity in reaching this decision, and
it has been felt that nothing but a test
can solve the problem as to which
port in New Zealand will bring to the
steamship company the largest traffic
in mails, passengers and cargo. The
Aorangi was to make the first trip,
leaving Sydney on July 19, arriving in
Wellington on the 23d and sailing at
noon on the 24th, calling at Suva, Ho-
nolulu and Victoria, B. C., arriving at
Vancouver on the 14th of August.
The addition to the line of the Aoran-
gi had greatly increased the company's
expenditure, and they looked forward
to a substantial subsidy or its equiv-
alent in mails carried. Mr. Walker
writes on July 15th merely acknowl-
edging receipt of the previous commu-
nication.

Statistics of the French population
for 1895 show a decrease of 17,000. The
birth rate in France, which at the be-
ginning of the century was 33 per
thousand, has now decreased to 22.

ON IRRIGATION

Plant Nourishment Often Flooded
Out of the Ground.

LOW ORGANISMS ARE GENERATED

Some Evils Resulting
From Too Much Water.

Dr. Maxwell's Experiments Valu-
able for Maintaining Good
Lawns.

Dr. Maxwell has been conducting
some interesting experiments in irri-
gation for some time past. They were
primarily for the use of the plantations,
but the scientific use of water is prob-
ably as necessary to preserve and
properly stimulate the growth of the
grass and plants in private lawns and
gardens, as it is to secure a good crop
of cane. The yard boy usually manipu-
lates the hose on the principle that
unless the water is to be seen glisten-
ing on the grass, the roots are burn-
ing for the want of it, while possibly
the roots may be abundantly supplied
and more water simply washes the
nutriment from the soil.

An Advertiser representative called
on Dr. Maxwell yesterday morning and
said: "We hear that you are making
experiments in irrigation at the ex-
periment station to determine the
proper amount of water to apply to
get the best results, and not to waste
the fertility of the soil. Is it so?" Dr.
Maxwell replied: "Yes. In applying
water in our experiments, every gallon
is measured, so that we know pre-
cisely when we use enough, and the
bad results from using an excess. And
I may say that your question leads me
to speak of the way in which water is
used generally in this city on private
grounds. In many, and perhaps most,
cases a large excess of water is applied
in private gardens, grounds, etc., and
the bad results are several, of which
I may mention the following:

"Excess of water induces the growth
of the coarsest weeds and grasses, and
the destruction of the finer grasses.
As an example, you may see a piece of
ground on Beretania street where the
city water is allowed to run from the
faucets more or less continuously. As
a result, the fine mania grass has
been crowded out by the coarse Hilo
grass. This is a very striking illus-
tration of what I mean.

"Again, every gallon of water put on
the ground, in excess of what is re-
quired, just helps to wash out so much
of the fertility of the soil. Again, too
much water is distinctly inimical to
health where it is applied near or
around dwelling houses. The air is
thus kept too moist and the growth of
low vegetable organisms, which require
much water, is encouraged.

"Just as a palpable example of the
unthinking way in which water is ap-
plied, I may repeat that after the rain
of four weeks ago, when 2½ inches fell
on the Sunday afternoon, next morning
I noted down in my book several cases
where the people were irrigating their
gardens as though no water had fallen
for a month.

"Now those people are not only in-
juring their gardens and risking their
own health, but it is quite clear that
a waste is being made of the city's
water."

"On your ground, Dr. Maxwell, after
the fall of the rain of which you speak,
how soon did you irrigate?"

"I did not let my Chinaman apply
any water for a week after the rain,
and my trees and grass were the bet-
ter for it.

"I urge this question, however, not
only that the gardens shall not suf-
fer, but especially in the interests of
health, and because there are large
questions behind the personal ones in
the matter. You see, when excess of
water is put on the higher grounds,
it simply drains down to the lower
lands, and this is one of the causes of
the formation of swamp places which,
if we don't mind, are going to give us
trouble.

"The results of scarcity of water are
so bad and uncomfortable that people
very easily go to the other extreme
when the water supply is ample."

As an illustration of the amount of
fertility which is washed from the
soil by an excessive amount of water,
Dr. Maxwell showed a bowlful of finest
plant food material obtained by col-
lecting the water previously applied to
the soil.

Central Union Social.

The first social of the season in the
Central Union Church program was

held in the church parlors last even-
ing. There were in attendance some
150 people. The parlors were neatly
decorated with greens, and refreshment
tables were set in the back part. The
following program was given during
the earlier part of the evening: Rec-
itation, "Leadville Johnny," by Profes-
sor Howard of Punahou; vocal solo,
by Mrs. Walbridge; recitation, by Miss
Edna Kelly; song, "Forbidden Songs,"
by Miss Halstead; recitation, "The
Dead Cat" (by request), Miss Edna
Kelly. A very enjoyable evening was
spent.

ANTI-ANNEXATIONISTS.

Will Wait a While Before Choos-
ing Men.

There was a meeting of the Hui Ka-
lai Aina Society in the hall on Emma
street, yesterday afternoon. Quite a
number were present. The matter of
sending commissioners to Washington
to protest against annexation was dis-
cussed.

In regard to this matter, it is learned
that nothing will be done until the
voice of the native people from Ha-
waii to Kauai can be learned.

The proposition is to appoint one
commissioner from Hawaii, one from
Maui, one from Kauai and two from
this island. Although many names
have been suggested, no one has been
placed in a specially prominent position.

The main question in regard to the
sending of the commissioners is the
wherewithal. In case the branches of
the various native societies through-
out the islands agree to put up the
money, the men will be sent. Other-
wise, the project will not go through.

Late last night the news came from
a reliable source that the two native
political societies—Aloha Aina and Ka-
lailana—had decided to send to Wash-
ington a commission of only two, with
a secretary, the commissioners to be
James K. Kaula of the Aloha Aina
and Kalaokalani of the Kalailana, and
the secretary, J. Mahai Kaneakua.
The natives have decided that no
white man or half-white shall go as a
commissioner.

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Maps of the above desirable prop-
erties can be seen at Mr. Morgan's sales
rooms, where all information required
will be furnished intending purchas-
ers.

Mrs. Edward is Here.

Mrs. Edward, the continental society
entertainer, is in the city, and will
give entertainments in Y. M. C. A.
hall, the first of these to take place on
the night of October 21st. She will be
assisted by Miss Zella Leighton, the
talented soprano. Mrs. Edward will
make some astounding exposures of
spiritualistic frauds, and will give her
audience two hours of solid fun and
laughter. This is what a leading pa-
per says of Mrs. Edward: "All through
the evening the performance was in-
tensely interesting and entertaining,
and the hearty laughter and applause
of the large audience sufficiently dem-
onstrated the entire approval of the
show." For particulars regarding
what Mrs. Edward will do, see another
column.

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